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* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not as if I am trying to take an opportunity to speak in this House now, for, no day passes without a speech from me. I am now trying to make a *prima facie* case for allowing my adjournment motion. Sir, my adjournment motion reads thus :

'This House do stand adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance regarding the grave allegations made by the hon. Mr. Sarangadhar Das, M.P., in the House of the People about corruption charges against an Indian Civil Service Officer belonging to the Madras State and to institute a Committee to enquire into those alleged corruption charges.'

Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have been quoting from the . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member must be brief ; I will give him two minutes."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Ten minutes, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, only two minutes."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I have in my possession records to prove that the Member has alleged in the Central Parliament that the I.C.S. Officer against whom allegations of corruption have been made was shunted out to Madras and arrangements were being made to shield him."

(Sri C. Rajam Ramaswami rose to speak.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not yielding, Sir. These allegations were made openly in the House, without anybody challenging him. If it is reasonably proved that the charges are true, it will affect the self-respect of this State administration, it will affect our self-respect; if the Hon. the Chief Minister has any respect for the Madras administration and for this House, I want him to take up the challenge from this side."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I rule this out of order. It is not an urgent matter. The allegation is pending before the Government."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I have not spoken even for the two minutes you gave me, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have given my ruling. I have ruled it out of order."

(2) *Havoc caused by the recent cyclone.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" Here is another adjournment motion given notice of by Mr. Palaniandi. It reads as follows :—

'This House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite urgent matter of public importance, namely, the vast extent of havoc caused by the cyclone in Tanjore and Tiruchi and other neighbouring places on the 30th November and 1st December 1952, and the necessity on the part of Government to take immediate ameliorative measures to relieve the distress of the people.' "

* SRI M. PALANIANDI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, 30-ம் தேதி அடித்த புயலின் காரணமாக ஏற்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய சேதங்களையெல்லாம் நாம் பார்க்க வேண்டும். நமது முதன் மந்திரி ராஜாஜி அவர்கள் ஒரு அறிக்கை விடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதாவது இந்தப்

புயலையும், மழையையும் உண்டு பண்ணிய கடவுளுக்கு நன்றி செலுத்துவோம் என்பதாக மழையையும் புயலையும் வரவேற்று இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் எந்தப் புயலையும், மழையையும் கனம் ராஜாஜி அவர்கள் வரவேற்று இருக்கிறார்களோ அதனால் ஏற்பட்ட கோரத்தாக்குதலினால்தான் இன்றைய தினம் தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லா, திருச்சி ஜில்லா, சேலம் ஜில்லா நாமக்கல் தாலுக்கா போன்ற இடங்களிலுள்ள பல்லாயிரக்கணககான ஏழைகள் வீடிழந்து இருக்கிறார்கள. தங்கும் இடமின்றி நடுத்தெருவில் ஆகாரத்திற்கு வசதியின்றி தவித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் நாம் விவசாய மக்களின் நலனைக்கருதியே சட்டம் வகுத்து விவாதித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றோம். விவசாய மக்களிடையே சர்க்காருக்கு உண்மையாகவே அனுதாபம் இருக்குமானால் இன்றைய தினம் அம்மாதிரி புயலின் கோரத்தால் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கும் சேதங்களை தவிர்த்து, மிகவும் அதிகமாக நஷ்டமடைந்தோருக்கு என்ன சலுகை அளிக்கப்போகிறோம் என்பதை அவர்கள் உடனே அறிவித்தாக வேண்டும். உடனடியாக அவர்களுக்கு வீடுகள் கட்டிக் கொடுக்க வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டும்."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not going to allow a discussion on this matter."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I am not going to speak on the cyclone itself; I would only like to make a submission and try to convince the Hon. Speaker that this motion is perfectly in order. I will only try to convince, and I hope the Speaker will allow me to convince him. After all, the rule says that an adjournment motion can be moved on a ' matter of definite public importance '."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But this motion relates to the cyclone."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The cyclone is a matter of very recent occurrence and as a result of the cyclone, havoc has been caused, and thousands of people have been affected."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Government are not responsible for the cyclone."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" And we are not also responsible."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But the rules say that unless the Government are responsible, it cannot be admitted."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" To-day we are concerned with what measures the Government should take. Normally speaking, it is the Government that should bring forward this subject before this House and take the House into their confidence. Since the Government do not themselves come before the House, there must be some way open to this House to express its ideas on the matter. What else are we here for, I want to know? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Unless the Government are responsible for the cyclone, this cannot be brought up before the House. Probably the hon. Member Sri Palaniandi in his speech meant that the Hon. Chief Minister wanted that we should pray to God to bring rain and as a result, the cyclone came. (Laughter.) That is what he meant, I think. (To Mr. Palaniandi.) நீங்கள் நம்முடைய பிரதம மந்திரி அவர்கள் கடவுளை பிரார்த்தித்ததினால் தான் இந்த மாதிரி புயல், மழை, வந்தது என்று சொல்கிறீர்களா ?"

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* SRI M. PALANIANDI :—" நான் அப்படிச் சொல்லவில்லை. மழை பெய்வதற்குப் பிரார்த்தனை நடத்தட்டும். அதைப்பற்றி ஆக்ஷேபணையில்லை. ஆனால் மழை வேண்டுமென்று வேண்டக் கூடியவர்கள் மழை, புயல் வரும்பொழுது அதனால் அவதிப்படும் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மக்களுக்கு உதவி செய்ய ஏன் முன் வரவில்லையென்றுதான் கேட்கிறேன். அப்படி முன் வரவேண்டியது சர்க்காரின் கடமையில்லையா என்பதையும் யோசிக்க வேண்டும். ஆகவே தான் அதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்கவேண்டுமென்பதாக நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we are hungry for difficulties and distress. That is the unfortunate situation. The Government must be trusted to administer the country to the best of their ability. The Legislative Assembly is not an administrative body."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, in view of what the Hon. Chief Minister has said, I must crave your pardon for saying a few words. I must say that the rights of this House must be protected. If he says that the Government can be trusted to do what they want, they may as well dispense with the Legislative Assembly. It is part of our duty to draw the attention of the Hon. Ministers and of the Government from time to time as conditions of distress arise and ask them to attend to them and take certain measures."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" But not by adjournment motions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the Hon. Leader of the Opposition has listened to the wording of the adjournment motion. It says ' the vast extent of havoc caused by the cyclone.' The motion has not indicted the Government. The Government are not responsible for the havoc caused."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I just want to clear a doubt. The havoc is no doubt caused by an act of God, but then begins the responsibility of the Government to take immediate ameliorative measures."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The wording here is ' extent of havoc caused by the cyclone.' I rule the motion out of order.

" Mr. Palaniandi has given two motions on the same subject. Having given my ruling on this motion, I need not take up the other motions."

(3) *Water scarcity in Polavaram and Kovvur taluks.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" Another adjournment motion has been received from Mr. P. S. Ramachandra Rao, and it reads :

' This House do stand adjourned to discuss the serious situation of water scarcity to the cattle in Polavaram and Kovvur taluks in West Godavari district.'

We all know that the scarcity of water has been there for a long time, before we had the recent rains. But how are the Government responsible, I wish to know."